



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 27, 2010

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department

SUBJECT: Agreement With The Council On Alcoholism And Drug Abuse
For The Criminal Justice Early Identification Specialist

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Chief of Police to execute a Memorandum of Understanding, subject to approval of the City Attorney, between the City of Santa Barbara and the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; and
- B. Appropriate \$47,000 from available reserves in the Police Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund to fund the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a Criminal Justice Early Identification Specialist position for the contract period beginning September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2011.

DISCUSSION:

The Police Department and the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse first entered into this program in March of 1993. We are currently in the third year of a three-year agreement, which expires on August 31, 2010. Annually, the program serves nearly 300 clients. In the most recent year for which statistics are available, after one year, 60% of the clients remained in recovery, 23% had no further contact and 17% relapsed. Staff has executed another three-year agreement for the three years ended August 31, 2013.

The Early Identification Specialist (E-ID) performs a key function in the diversion program implemented by the Santa Barbara Police Department, the Santa Barbara Municipal Court and the Sobering Center. The E-ID provides intervention and case management for individuals who have had more than five admissions to the Sobering Center within twelve months and who are identified as chronic habitual offenders. The E-ID implements a follow-up program for the offenders in which they are met at the jail or Sobering Center upon release. The objective is to encourage the offender to seek treatment and to assist the offender through the alcohol-craving period that occurs immediately following release from incarceration. The E-ID assists the Municipal Court in developing appropriate dispositions in these types of cases.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The Police Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund has available reserves to fund the three-year contract. The appropriation of \$47,000 will provide funding from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011, or the first year in the three-year agreement. The reserves have been accumulated and are restricted to costs such as those for the E-ID Specialist.

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